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In re Application of

Lars GULLBERG

Art Unit: 3629

Application No. 08/911,104

Examiner:

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For: A METHOD FOR COUPLING
AND A COUPLING DEVICE

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant wishes to draw attention to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. With the exception of U.S. Patent 4,192,621 of which a copy was provided with the information disclosure statement filed August 12, 1997, copies of the documents are enclosed.

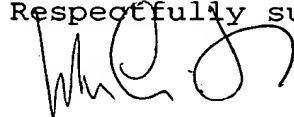
The four documents listed in Form PTO-1449 were cited in the search report that was issued in the corresponding European patent application, as shown in the accompanying copy of the European Search Report (with Annex indicating patent family members). The cover letter attached to the European Search Report indicates that it was mailed March 22, 1999. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c), the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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for a concise explanation of the relevance of these documents has been satisfied. See MPEP 609.

Pursuant to MPEP 609, it is requested that the Examiner should initial Form PTO-1449 to confirm that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the form to the undersigned with the first Office Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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